

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 196

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tracy McAughty upon receiving the 2013 White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Tracy McAughty, who is the 2013 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McAughty is an astute and dedicated community leader who has earned the respect of her peers and the citizens she serves for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Tracy McAughty was born in Fontana, California, on August 24, 1972; she overcame a rough and stressful childhood to become fully self-sufficient by the age of eighteen, and she became a single parent before her senior year of high school, but concluded her education with a full load of classes and her first full-time job; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, she met and married the love of her life, David, with whom she has two children, one of whom was diagnosed with Asberger's Autism; through trials and triumph, David and Tracy have remained steadfast in their love for God, for each other, and for their children, and they will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary in October 2013; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, Mrs. McAughty's world was turned upside down when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, which resulted in a total of seven surgeries and eighteen months of chemotherapy until she was finally declared to be in remission; and

WHEREAS, Tracy McAughty then found herself dealing with the loss of her mother and a close friend when she learned that she was no longer in remission, and she was diagnosed

for the second time with metastatic breast cancer, which had invaded her spine, ribs, pelvis, and liver; and

WHEREAS, never one to give up, Mrs. McAughty began another battle of survival, and she continues her fight as she works from home with her non-profit organization, The Right to Fight Foundation, which provides help for those struggling with their own cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, she also works tirelessly for her church and outside the home while continuing a weekly aggressive experimental treatment to battle the disease and its debilitating effects; and

WHEREAS, since moving to White House in 2009, Tracy McAughty has been actively involved in the community through assisting with Relay for Life, serving as the leader of First Impressions Ministry at Revolution Church, and serving as a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Tracy McAughty; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mrs. McAughty who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Tracy McAughty for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Tracy McAughty upon receiving the 2013 White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, commend her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.